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## BOOK NOTICES

*Hygiene and Morality.* By LAVINIA L. DOCK, N.N. New York: Putnam, 1910. Pp. v+200. \$1.25.

This work discusses the venereal diseases, the control of prostitution, and the prevention of venereal diseases. The policy advocated is "abolition" and, as its condition, woman suffrage. The program for immediate practical action is not fully worked out, and some of the difficulties are not faced; but the essential principles of sane dealing with the subject are sound and are sustained by first-rate medical authority. The bibliographies, while by no means complete, are very useful. The experience of the author as a trained nurse gives a note of primary authority to her earnest and noble appeal. C. R. HENDERSON

*History of the Great American Fortunes.* By GUSTAVUS MYERS. Chicago: Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 1910. 3 vols. Pp. 296+368+413. \$1.50 each.

The first volume deals with conditions in settlement and colonial times and with the great land fortunes. Volumes I and II have to do with the great railroad fortunes. The narrative is written from the standpoint of the socialist bias and is frequently interrupted by mere surmise and assumption. However, there are many facts here not easily obtainable elsewhere, and the book as a whole represents a welcome divergence from the orthodox method of treating great fortunes. It is a very crude attempt in the proper direction. L. L. B.

*Oriental Crime.* By H. L. ADAM. London: T. Werner Laurie. Pp. xv+383. \$3.

This is a melodramatic, rather than a scientific, account of the people, the crimes, the prisons, and the colony system of India. The description of the colony in the Andaman Islands, to which the Indian criminals sentenced for long terms are sent, is good material for criminology. It contains an account of the savings-banks, the system of self-support, and sanitation in the colony. The author shows great admiration for the superior proficiency, cunning, and daring of the oriental criminal. The book will be dangerous for popular reading on that account. E. H. S.

*Euthenics, the Science of Controllable Environment.* By MRS. ELLEN H. RICHARDS. Whitcomb and Barrows, 1910. Pp. 162.

The science of eugenics deals with hereditary influences, euthenics with environment and education. While this little volume has many valuable suggestions for the direction of public action the most helpful part of it, perhaps, is the table of analysis of agencies and methods of promoting public health, an excellent outline for study and for presentation to a general audience. C. R. HENDERSON

*A Practical Program of Procedural Reform.* By ROSCOE POUND. Being the subject for discussion at the annual meeting of the Illinois Bar Association at Hotel La Salle, June 23, 1910. Pp. 32.

This is an admirably concise and illuminating discussion of a much-needed reform. The point of view of Professor Pound is clearly stated in the follow-

ing quotation from pp. 2 and 3: "A swing of the pendulum toward liberality at this time is but a part of a general movement in all departments of mental activity away from the purely formal, away from hard-and-fast notions, away from traditional categories which our fathers supposed were impressed upon the nature of things for all time. This movement is remaking the natural and physical sciences, is rewriting history, is recasting political theories, is making over economic theory, and, under the name of sociology, is changing our attitude toward all problems of social life. It is inevitable that jurisprudence, and ultimately the law itself, be affected profoundly. For whatever its validity in other fields, pragmatism must be the philosophy of the lawyer. What are its results? How does it work? and What does it work? must be the questions he puts to every theory and distinction and dogma and category."

V. E. H.

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The students of working-men's insurance will be glad to know that Dr. Zacher has published in the *Reichs-Arbeitsblatt* for July, 1910, a corrected edition of his table of the present condition of working-men's insurance in the different states of Europe: *Die Arbeiterversicherung in Europa nach dem gegenwärtigen Stande der Gesetzgebung in den verschiedenen Staaten*. Berlin: Carl Heymanns Verlag.

*Crime and the Treatment of the Criminal*. By C. S. PORTS. Bulletin of the University of Texas, May, 1910. Austin, Texas. Pp. 86.

A fair, intelligent, candid description of the conditions of prisons in Texas, and a noble, practical, and correct statement of the essential principles of improvement.

C. R. HENDERSON

*Strikes: When to Strike—How to Strike*. By OSCAR T. CRACHY. New York: Putnam, 1910. Pp. vi+202. \$1.25.

This work is an inquiry into "what is moral and ought to be legal," in strikes. It is a superficial treatment of the subject, useful to the indiscriminating popular reader rather than to the student of labor problems.

F. F.

*The Christian Ministry and the Social Order*. Lectures delivered in the course in pastoral functions at Yale Divinity School, 1908-9. Edited by CHARLES S. MACFARLAND. Yale University Press, 1909. Pp. 7+303.

These lectures serve as an indication of the new spirit of social service in the churches. They are suggestive and stimulating, but in no sense a systematic and complete treatment of the great subjects touched—the trade union, rural communities, mental healing, and the international movement.

C. R. H.